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SUBJECT: WEIZMAN VISIT TO WEST BANK

1. DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN'S FIRST VISIT TO  
WEST BANK CITIES OF HEBRON AND NABLUS ON  
JUNE 27 WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN ISRAELI AND  
ARABIC PRESS AND MEDIA. JERUSALEM POST QUOTED  
WEIZMAN AS SAYING IN HEBRON THAT "WE CAN LIVE  
IN THIS TOWN AND OTHER TOWNS AND FIND WAYS TO  
LIVE TOGETHER" WITH ARABS. HE REPORTEDLY  
PLEDGED TO DO HIS BEST TO NORMALIZE LIFE ON THE  
WEST BANK AND ECHOED HIS REMARKS UPON HIS ASSUMPTION  
OF OFFICE ON JUNE 22 THAT " WE WILL BE TOGETHER  
FOR MANY YEARS TO COME."

2. IN HEBRON, WEIZMAN MET MAYOR QAWASIMA AND OTHER  
LOCAL OFFICIALS AT MILITARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND WAS  
TOLD OF TOWN'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THE PROBLEM  
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OF PRISONERS PARTICULARLY ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINEES.  
WEIZMAN THEN VISITED ABRAHAM'S TOMB (IBRAHIMI MOSQUE) AND  
ISRAELI SETTLEMENT OF KIRYAT ARBA WHERE, ACCORDING TO  
JERUSALEM POST, HE WAS ASKED TO INITIATE NEW DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS, TO CANCEL THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ORDER FORBIDDING SETTLERS TO BUY LAND FROM ARABS  
AND TO PERMIT SETTLERS TO OPEN JOINT BUSINESSES

WITH RESIDENTS OF HEBRON. POST REPORTS THAT  
WEIZMAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS  
WAS "POSITIVE".

3. ARAB LANGUAGE PRESS OF JUNE 28 QUOTES FROM  
SEVERAL ARAB LEADERS REPORTED REMARKS TO WEIZMAN  
DURING HIS VISIT TO NABLUS. HIKMAT AL MASRI,  
NABLUS NOTABLE, IS REPORTED TO HAVE URGED THE GOI  
TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT  
WEST BANK/GAZA STATE SAYING THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD BE  
"A GOLDEN PAGE" IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY. FORMER  
MAYOR HAJ MA'-AZUZ AL MASRI POINTED OUT THE  
PROBLEMS OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION SUCH AS ADMINISTRATIVE  
DETAINEES, EXORBITANT FINES AND TAXES. MAYOR  
SHAKA' STRESSED THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF HAVING  
PEACE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND  
ISRAELIS AS LONG AS OCCUPATION EXISTED AND SAID THAT  
TENSION AND WARS IN THE REGION ARE BOUND TO CONTINUE  
UNTIL OCCUPATION CEASED.

4. BETHLEHEM MAYOR FREIJ COMMENTED TO CONGEN OFFICERS  
JUNE 27 THAT WEIZMAN, IN BOTH THE CASE OF HEBRON AND  
NABLUS MEETINGS, HAD SUMMONED THE LOCAL  
LEADERS TO THE MILITARY GOVERNOR'S HEADQUARTERS  
RATHER THAN CALLING ON THEM IN LOCAL MUNICIPAL OFFICES.  
(WEIZMAN PERSONALLY VISITED KIRYAT ARBA FOR LENGTHY  
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CLOSED MEETING.) HE CONTRASTED THIS WITH DAYAN'S VISIT  
TO BETHLEHEM CITY HALL AFTER FREIJ WAS FIRST  
ELECTED MAYOR IN EARLY 1970'S.

5. COMMENT: IN HIS FIRST CONTACTS WITH WEST  
BANKERS AFTER TAKING OVER AS DEFENSE MINISTER,  
WEIZMAN HAS LIVED UP TO HIS TOUGH IMAGE.  
HE HAS NOT HOWEVER ANNOUNCED ANY NEW STEPS OR SHIFTS  
IN POLICY TOWARD WEST BANKERS IN ANY SENSITIVE  
AREAS SUCH AS NEW SETTLEMENTS, RESTRICTION ON  
MOVEMENT, AID FROM ARAB STATES, OR PRACTICES AT  
RELIGIOUS SITES.  
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